

# **STATUTES**

## **EUROPEAN NUCLEAR EDUCATION NETWORK ASSOCIATION**

### **ARTICLE 1 - NAME – REGISTERED OFFICE**

In accordance with the French law, the Members, named at article 3, have agreed to set up, for an unlimited period, a non-profit-making association pursuing a pedagogic and scientific aim, under the name of the "European Nuclear Education Network" also called "ENEN Association".

The registered office of the ENEN Association is established at :

Atomic Energy Commission - CEA  
National Institute for Nuclear Sciences and Technology (CEA-INSTN)  
F-91191- Gif-Sur-Yvette Cedex  
France.

The address of the ENEN Association may be changed by a decision taken by the Board of Governors.

### **ARTICLE 2 - AIMS AND STRATEGIES**

2.1 - The main objective of the ENEN Association is the preservation and the further development of a higher nuclear education and expertise. This objective should be realized through the co-operation between European universities involved in education and research in the nuclear engineering field, research centres and the nuclear industry.

To meet with this objective, the ENEN Association has to:

- Promote and further develop the collaboration in nuclear engineering education of engineers and researchers needed by the nuclear industry and the regulatory bodies,
- Ensure the quality of nuclear academic engineering education and training,
- Increase the attractiveness for engagement in the nuclear field for students and young academics.

The basic objectives of the ENEN Association shall be to :

- Deliver a European Master of Science Degree in Nuclear Engineering and promote PhD studies,
- Promote exchange of students and teachers participating in the frame of this network,
- Increase the number of students by providing incentives,

- Establish a framework for mutual recognition,
- Foster and strengthen the relationship with research laboratories and networks, industry and regulatory bodies, by involving them in (or association them with) nuclear academic education and by offering continuous training.

2.2 - The aims of the ENEN Association shall be achieved by:

- Discussion on educational objectives, methods and course contents among the members and with external partners, particularly national and European industries.
- Organisation of internal audits on the quality of nuclear engineering curricula.
- Awarding the label of “European Master degree of Science in Nuclear Engineering” to the curricula satisfying the criteria set up by the ENEN Association.
- Cooperation between the members, and with the research centres and the nuclear industry for enhancement of mobility of teachers and students, organisation of training and advanced courses, use of large research and teaching facilities or infrastructures.
- Cooperation with international and national governmental institutions, agencies and universities.
- Identification and development of solutions to specific problems and deficiencies which hinder the attainment of the aims of the Network.
- Facilitating the exchange of information between the Members of the ENEN Association - on course objectives, content, modes of presentation and other matters.

### **ARTICLE 3 - THE MEMBERS**

There are two types of Members : Effective Members and Associated Members. Effective and Associated Members are institutions or corporate bodies.

#### **Article 3.1 – Effective Members**

The Effective Members are academic institutions or clusters of such institutions having a legal status and meeting all following criteria:

- Provide high-level scientific education in the nuclear field -as full time teaching and providing the bases for doctorate studies- based on internationally recognized research in nuclear engineering and/or nuclear sciences carried out jointly by the teaching staff, the students, doctoral and post-doctoral researchers in the same geographic location or in association with a nuclear research centre.
- Use selective admission criteria conforming with legal provisions and/or national practices.
- Be based in the European Union or in one of its candidate member countries.

New Effective Members are elected by the General Assembly, by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast, on the recommendation of the Board of Governors, according to the criteria defined here above.

### **Article 3.2 - Associated Members**

The Associated Members are corporate bodies having a legal status and meeting the following criteria :

- nuclear research centres,
- government institutions,
- nuclear companies,
- regulatory bodies and
- nuclear learning societies.

who :

- commit themselves to support the ENEN Association and
- have a firmly established tradition of relations with some of the members in the fields of education, research and training, and
- are based in the European Union or in one of its candidate member countries.

The Associated Members are members of the Scientific Advisory Committee following the Internal Rules.

They can be consulted by the Board of Governors on relevant subjects under discussion and shall be convened to the General Assembly but having no voting rights.

New Associated Members are elected by the General Assembly, by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast, on the recommendation of the Board of Governors, according to the criteria defined here above.

### **ARTICLE 4 - RESIGNATION, EXCLUSION**

The Effective and Associated Members are free to withdraw from the ENEN Association by sending their written resignation to the President of the Board of Governors, according to the provisions of the Internal Rules.

Effective or Associated Members may only be excluded by the General Assembly with a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast, once the Member concerned has been heard by the General Assembly.

### **ARTICLE 5 – MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTION AND OTHER INCOMES**

The income of the ENEN Association is made up of :

1. Contributions by the Members. The amount shall be determined every year by a resolution of the General Assembly.
2. Grants.

The non-payment of the contribution fee for two consecutive years shall be considered equivalent to resignation and the defaulting Member shall be automatically excluded by the Board of Governors, after a last written reminder requesting payment has not been followed by a payment.

## **ARTICLE 6 - ASSETS**

Effective Members and Associated Members, even if out-going, do not have any rights to the assets of the ENEN Association.

## **ARTICLE 7 - THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **Article 7.1 - General Assembly Composition**

The General Assembly is made up of all Effective and Associated Members. The Members are legally represented by the legal representative of the Member or their mandatories.

The President and the Vice-President of the Board of Governors shall act respectively as the President and the Vice-President of the General Assembly.

Effective Members have one vote by country. In case of a country having more than one Effective Member, they decide among themselves the designation of one representative who will represent them and have the voting rights for a full calendar year. Effective Members shall not be entitled to vote at the General Assembly until they reach to an agreement on the voting representative per country. Effective Members who have voting rights are called "Voting Members".

### **Article 7.2 – Meetings. Quorum requirements**

The General Assembly is convened at least once a year during the first Friday of March.

It is convened and presided by its President or, should he or she be prevented from attending by the Vice-President

The General Assembly shall also be convened upon written request of 20 % of the Voting Members addressed to this effect to the Board of Governors .

Taking into account the necessary grouping to one vote for countries with more than one Effective Members, each Voting Member may be represented by another Voting Member, bearing a written mandate. No Voting Member may represent more than two votes.

The General Assembly may only validly deliberate if 50% of its Voting Members are present or validly represented.

Resolutions shall be taken upon a majority of 2/3 of the present or represented Voting Members.

Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly are recorded in a Register signed by the President and the General Secretary and kept at the registered office of the ENEN Association where it is available to be consulted by the Members.

### **Article 7.3 – The Role of the General Assembly**

The General Assembly has the power to discuss the general policy of the ENEN Association according to the aims described in Art. 2, to take the required measures to implement the decisions, and to establish sub-groups and committees, whenever required.

The General Assembly elects the members of the Board of Governors, the General Secretary as well as the President and Vice-President.

Moreover it possesses the following specific powers to:

- approve the annual report of activities;
- approve the annual budget and the accounts;
- approve the affiliation of new Effective and Associated Member;
- fix the amount of the subscription as laid down in Article 5;
- appoint and dismiss any Member of the Board of Governors;
- appoint the General Secretary;
- exclude any Member;
- modify the Statutes of ENEN Association (Art. 13);
- dissolve the ENEN Association (Art. 14).

Honorary Members are individuals having accomplished distinguished work in the field of nuclear engineering or research.

The General Assembly may appoint as Honorary Member any such person by a majority of two-thirds of the present or represented Voting Members.

Honorary Members can be invited to participate to the meetings organised by the Board of Governors and be consulted on relevant subjects under discussion but having no voting rights.

## **Article 8 - THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

### **Article 8.1 - Board of Governors - Composition/vote**

The Board of Governors is made up of six Voting Members and two Associated Members elected by the General Assembly for a period of four years. A President, a Vice-President and a General Secretary are also elected by the General Assembly from among these eight persons for a period of two years, the President being necessarily an Effective Member.

As an exception, at the end of the first period of four years four Members shall vacate their seats. The other four shall remain for a further two years so that from then on, half of the seats will be vacated every two years.

Board membership must be such as to give a reasonable geographical representation across the ENEN membership countries.

Each Member of the Board of Governors has one vote and decisions shall be taken upon a simple majority of Members present or represented. In case of equality the President has a double vote.

Each Member may represent another Member, but not more than one.

The President of the Board convenes the Board of Governors at least two times a year. The Board may validly meet if 5 of its Members are present or duly represented.

### **Article 8.2 – The Role of the Board of Governors**

The Board of Governors has the widest powers for the administration and management of the ENEN Association, insofar as these are not reserved for the General Assembly by Article 7.

In particular, the Board is responsible for :

- defining the powers and missions of the General Secretary,
- establishing sub-committees, drafting their terms of reference, nominating their members, and supervising their activities.

The Board of Governors appoints every two years, from amongst its members, a Treasurer who ensures the financial management of the ENEN Association. He also administers the ENEN Association's bank accounts and in particular the subscription account provided for in Art. 5 of the Statutes.

### **Article 9 - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Management Committee is constituted by the chairman of each sub-committee and the General Secretary designated by the General Assembly.

This Management Committee is headed by the General Secretary who is responsible for the day to day management and who reports to the Board of Governors about his activities.

The Management Committee is responsible for the co-ordination of the activities of the sub-committees and for the preparation and implementation of the decisions taken by the Board of Governors.

The Management Committee examines the affiliation of a new Member to the ENEN Association in accordance with the criteria defined in the Statutes. The final decision is to be taken by the General Assembly.

### **ARTICLE 10 - REPRESENTATION**

The ENEN Association is legally bound vis-à-vis of third parties by the signature of the President of the Board of Governors together with that of the General Secretary.

Concerning day-to-day activities, the ENEN Association shall be represented by the General Secretary as defined in the Internal Rules.

In the event that the above-mentioned are prevented from exercising their powers, the Board of Governors, chaired by the eldest Member present, shall take the required measures.

All lawsuits, whether the ENEN Association appears as the plaintiff or as the defendant, shall be pursued and followed through on behalf of the Board of Governors by the President or by any governor appointed by the Board for this purpose.

#### **ARTICLE 11 - BUDGET AND ACCOUNTS**

The ENEN Association has the legal capability to own the means and goods necessary to pursue its aim, and to receive grants provided they are used for the realisation of its goals. The financial year of the ENEN Association runs from January 1 until December 31.

The Board of Governors submits the accounts for the past year and the budget for the current year for the approval of the General Assembly.

#### **ARTICLE 12 – INTERNAL RULES**

The Board of Governors shall draw up Internal Rules to govern the functioning of the General Assembly, the Board of Governors, the Management Committee, the General Secretary of the Management Committee and the sub-committees.

#### **ARTICLE 13 - MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTES OF THE ENEN ASSOCIATION**

Only the General Assembly has the authority to deliberate on a modification of the Statutes of the ENEN Association.

The General Assembly may be convened for this purpose, in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 8, in an extraordinary meeting. The proposed modification must be explicitly indicated in the convening notice.

Any modification of the Statutes can be decided by the General Assembly provided that two thirds of its Voting Members are present or duly represented, by a unanimous vote, excluding abstentions.

#### **ARTICLE 14 - DISSOLUTION**

The General Assembly shall only pronounce the dissolution of the ENEN Association by a unanimous vote taken by the Voting Members present or duly represented. This point should be clearly mentioned on the agenda.

In the event that no activity is carried out during a period of five consecutive years, the dissolution of the ENEN Association shall be pronounced by an ordinary majority of the present or duly represented Voting Members during a General Assembly specially convened for this purpose.

In the event of the dissolution of the ENEN Association, the net assets shall be allocated to one or several similar associations, to be designated by the General Assembly.

**ARTICLE 15 - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Anything not expressly provided for in the present statutes is governed by the French law.

The statutes are made out in English and French. The French version, as registered at the French legal authority, shall prevail over any translation there of.